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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICER TO UNC/REAR

REFS: (A) STATE 217454; (B) CANBERRA 6962; (C) TOKYO 15739

1. WE HAVE HAD A TENTATIVE NIBBLE FROM DFA TO THE
SUGGESTION THAT AUSTRALIA "DUAL-ACCREDIT" ITS LANGUAGE
STUDENT IN JAPAN TO THE UN/KOREA REAR ECHELON DETACHMENT.

2. IN A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 1 TO DCM, ROY FERNANDEZ
(DEPUTY SECRETARY, DFA) SAID "WE WILL RESUME OUR CON-
SIDERATION OF THIS MATTER IN LIGHT OF YOUR RENEWED REQUEST
AND THE SUGGESTION PUT FORTH IN YOUR LETTER."

3. "AS REGARDS THE SORT OF COMMONWEALTH ROTATION YOU
MENTION, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE
PUT THIS IDEA TO THE BRITISH, CANADIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS
AND IF SO, WITH WHAT RESULT. OUR UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN
THAT THE CANADIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS WERE DEFINITE
NON-STARTERS AS FAR AS U.N. COMMAND (REAR) WAS CON-
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CERNED AND THAT THE BRITISH WERE UNABLE TO ARRANGE
ANOTHER ATTACHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS."

4. WE OBSERVED TO DFA THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THE BRITISH
HAD SIMPLY DECIDED THAT THEIR ASSIGNMENTS TO UNC/REAR
SHOULD NOT BE CONSECUTIVE, BUT THAT AS FAR AS WE KNOW --
THERE WERE NO BARRIERS -- FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE -- TO

BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN A FUTURE UNC/R DETACHMENT.
WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON FURTHER
REPLY WE CAN GIVE TO QUESTION OF "COMMONWEALTH ROTATION."

5. FOR TOKYO AND SEOUL: WOULD NOT WANT YOU TO TAKE FROM
REFERENCE (B) THAT WE ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE
EXTREMELY USEFUL MISSIONARY WORK YOU HAVE DONE WITH YOUR
AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES; IN FACT IT MAINLY BECAUSE OF YOUR
EFFORTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY'S
REPORTING TO CANBERRA, WHICH HAS KEPT THIS MATTER ALIVE
IN DFA.
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